



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Eliot LEAR

Serial No.: 10/822,927

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For: METHOD FOR VERIFYING
CONFIGURATION CHANGES FOR
NETWORK DEVICES USING DIGITAL
SIGNATURES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Confirmation No.: 4441

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Examiner: JOHNSON, Carlton

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until July 18, 2007, please reconsider the present application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

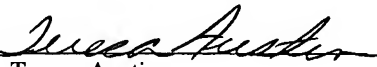
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.
- **Amendment to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include three replacement sheets and three annotated sheets showing changes.
- **Remarks** begin at page 13.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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on July 18, 2007

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